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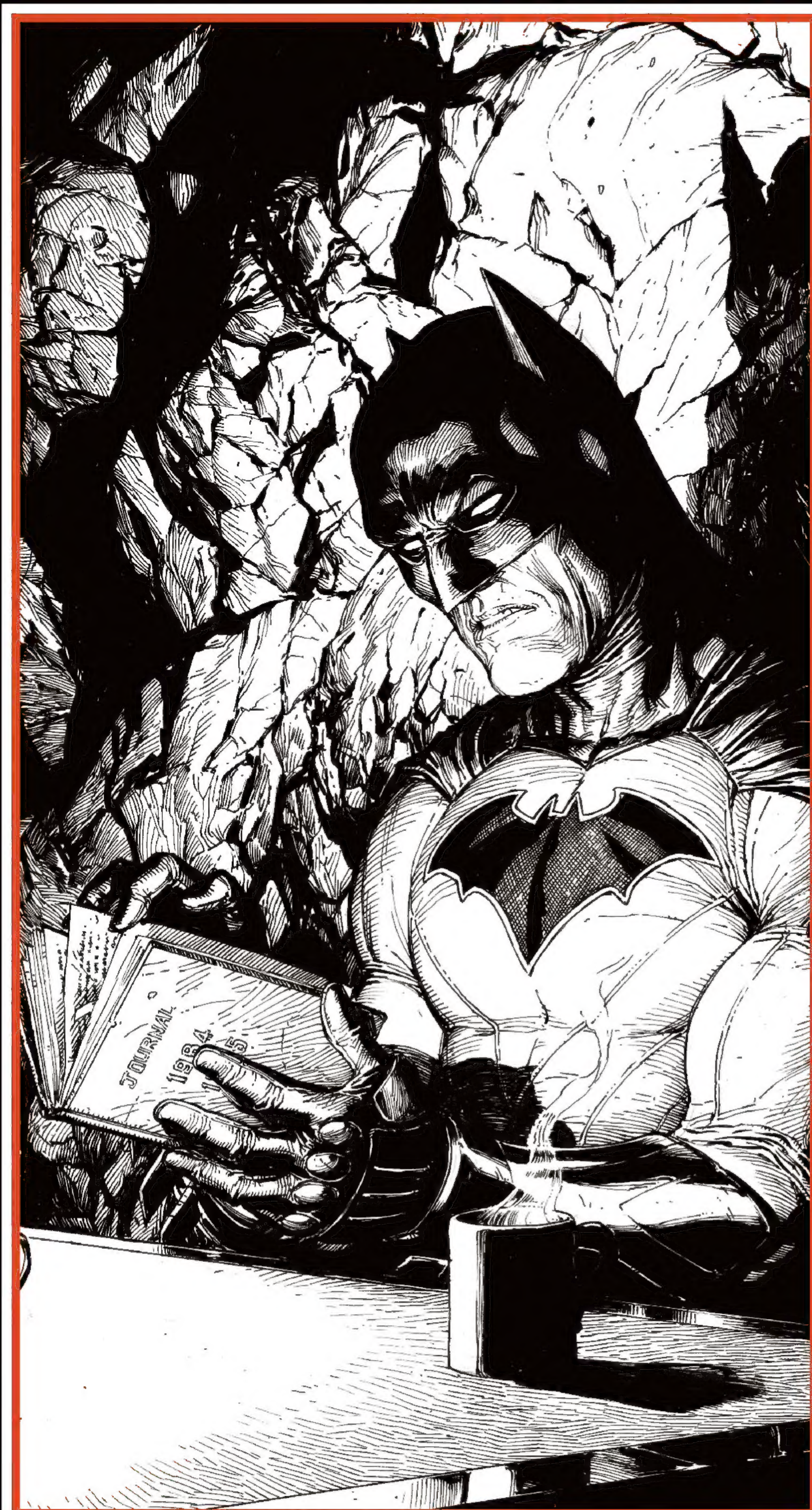


DOOMSDAYBOOK



"If reading this now, whether I am alive or dead,
you will know truth."

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I STILL REMEMBER MAKING MY FIRST COMPASS ON THE ISLAND.

COBBLED TOGETHER WITH TWIGS, STRING, SHRAPNEL AND A HALF-REMEMBERED PASSAGE FROM A BOY SCOUT MANUAL.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE SHIPWRECK, I HAD DIRECTION.

NIGHTWING, WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING! THAT **DARK ROBIN** ISN'T TOO FAR BEHIND US!

WHAT WE **NEED** IS A PLACE TO REGROUP THAT'S **NOT** FULL OF 'ROIDED-OUT GOTHAM VILLAINS. MR. TERRIFIC?

I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I **WAS**, BUT I KNEW WHERE TO **GO**. THE ARROW WAS POINTING DUE NORTH.

ANOTHER RABBIT HOLE! QUICK, FOLLOW ME!

BUT HERE, NOW IN GOTHAM, THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. THIS CITY DEFIES ANY SENSE OF DIRECTION, AND I KNEW IF I HAD THAT OLD COMPASS WITH ME NOW...

IT WOULD BE SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL.

WHAT'S THE POINT, MR. TERRIFIC? WE'RE GOING AROUND IN **CIRCLES** HERE.

YOU NEED TO TELL US WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S **WORSE** THAN IT SEEMS, GREEN ARROW.

BEFORE ALL OF THIS INSANITY STARTED... BATMAN TASKED ME WITH INVESTIGATING AN UNKNOWN REGION BEYOND THE KNOWN MULTIVERSE. HE KNEW **SOMETHING** WAS COMING.

YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED THESE **CARDS** ON YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE RINGED MAZE OF GOTHAM.

THE **METAL** THEY'RE MADE FROM EMITS AN INCOMPARABLE **ENERGY**...THEY ARE WHAT HAS CHANGED GOTHAM...

CAN'T BE LATE!



"LOOK, I'VE ONLY CAUGHT GLIMPSSES OF THEM, THROUGH MY T-SPHERES, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, THERE ARE **SEVEN** OF THESE CREATURES.

"TWISTED, DEPRAVED. VERSIONS OF THE BATMAN WE KNOW AND LOVE. AND THE ONE RUNNING THE SHOW IS THE MOST FRIGHTENING OF THEM ALL.

"THEY CALL HIM THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS. TURNED GOTHAM INTO THIS NEVER-ENDING NIGHTMARE, WITH THE HELP OF BATMAN'S GREATEST ROGUES...

"HE PRESENTED EACH WITH A CARD... AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO **RE-CREATE** GOTHAM IN THEIR IMAGE.

"OF COURSE, THEY ALL TOOK HIM UP ON THE OFFER...

"AND SO GOTHAM WARPED INTO A MAZE OF NIGHTMARES--WITH **CHALLENGERS** MOUNTAIN SPIKING FROM ITS CENTER.

"IT SEEMS TO ACT LIKE A MONSTROUS ANTENNA, A **NEXUS** OF DARK ENERGY.

"WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT IT'S SCIENCE. NOT MAGIC. THEY'RE REWRITING THE LAWS OF PHYSICS IN GOTHAM CITY FROM THE GROUND UP."



BUT HOW? I HAVE NO IDEA. I HAVE MORE PHD'S THAN YOU HAVE FINGERS, BUT I CAN'T THINK MY WAY THROUGH THIS.

THE **DARK METAL** IN THOSE CARDS DEFIES EVERY LAW OF SCIENCE AND REASON I'VE EVER KNOWN...

HOLD ON, T-BALL. YOU SAID YOU WERE WORKING WITH MY FATHER? **WHEN?**

BEFORE CHALLENGERS MOUNTAIN APPEARED IN GOTHAM, BATMAN ASKED ME TO STUDY IT, ROBIN.



NGGH!

NIGHTWING!

YOU'RE STILL HAVING THOSE VISIONS? DO I EVEN WANNA KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SEEING NOW?

I...I DON'T EVEN **KNOW**. AND THERE'S **MUSIC**.

...BATMAN AT A WINDOW...TALKING TO ME, BUT I CAN'T HEAR HIM. JUST THE SAME CHORDS OVER AND OVER...

AND SOMETHING MORE... SOMETHING MOVING...

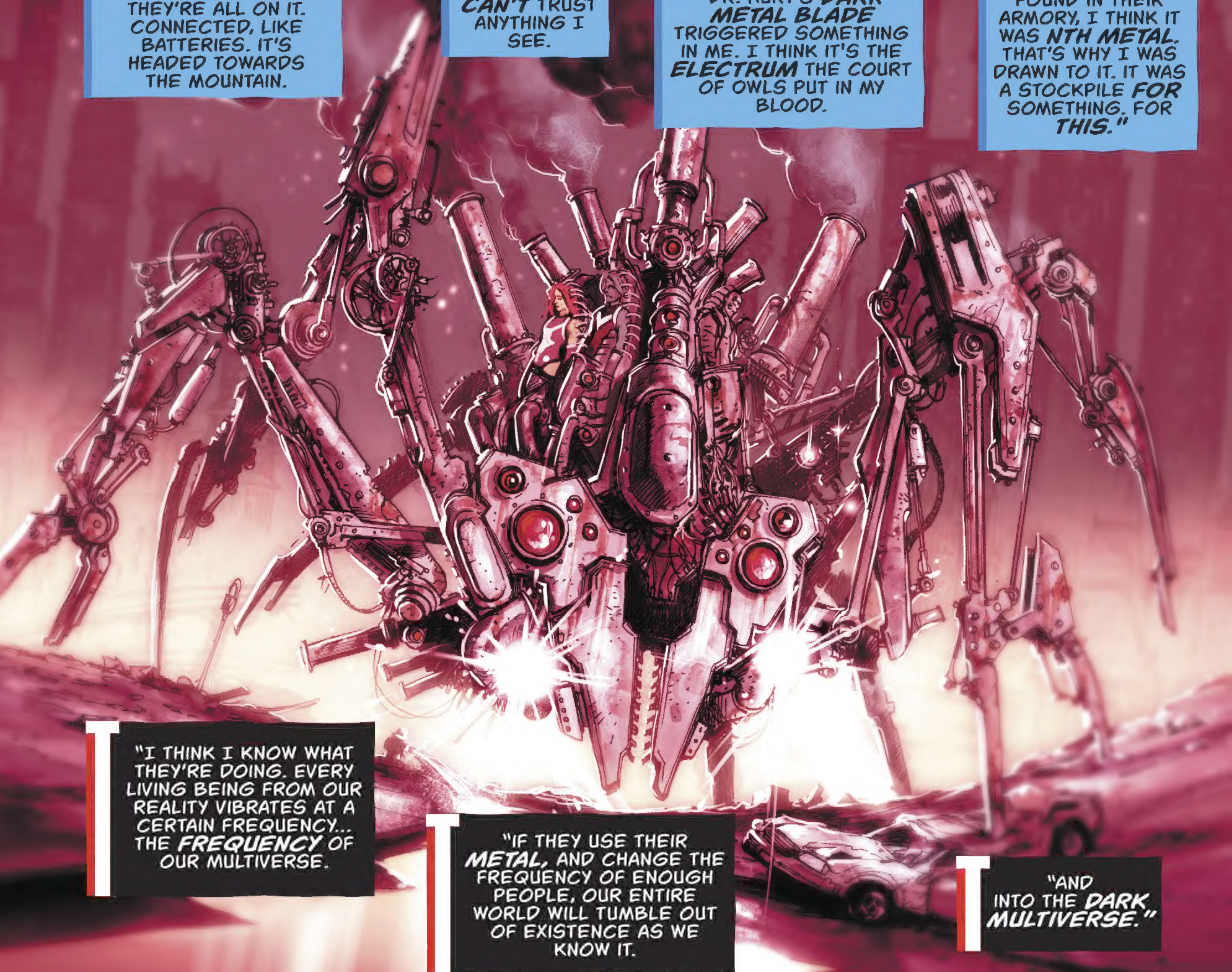


"...A **MACHINE**. THE TEEN TITANS...CROC... THEY'RE ALL ON IT. CONNECTED, LIKE BATTERIES. IT'S HEADED TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN.

"BUT WE **CAN'T** TRUST ANYTHING I SEE.

"DR. HURT'S **DARK METAL BLADE** TRIGGERED SOMETHING IN ME. I THINK IT'S THE **ELECTRUM** THE COURT OF OWLS PUT IN MY BLOOD.

"THAT **METAL** WE FOUND IN THEIR ARMORY, I THINK IT WAS **NTH METAL**. THAT'S WHY I WAS DRAWN TO IT. IT WAS A STOCKPILE **FOR** SOMETHING. **FOR THIS**."



"I THINK I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. EVERY LIVING BEING FROM OUR REALITY VIBRATES AT A CERTAIN FREQUENCY... THE **FREQUENCY** OF OUR MULTIVERSE.

"IF THEY USE THEIR **METAL**, AND CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF ENOUGH PEOPLE, OUR ENTIRE WORLD WILL TUMBLE OUT OF EXISTENCE AS WE KNOW IT.

"AND INTO THE **DARK MULTIVERSE**."



IT'S ALREADY STARTED, NIGHTWING. THE MOUNTAIN AT THE HEART OF THE CITY, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF BODIES PLANTED IN IT...ATTACHED TO IT.. **CONSUMED** BY IT.



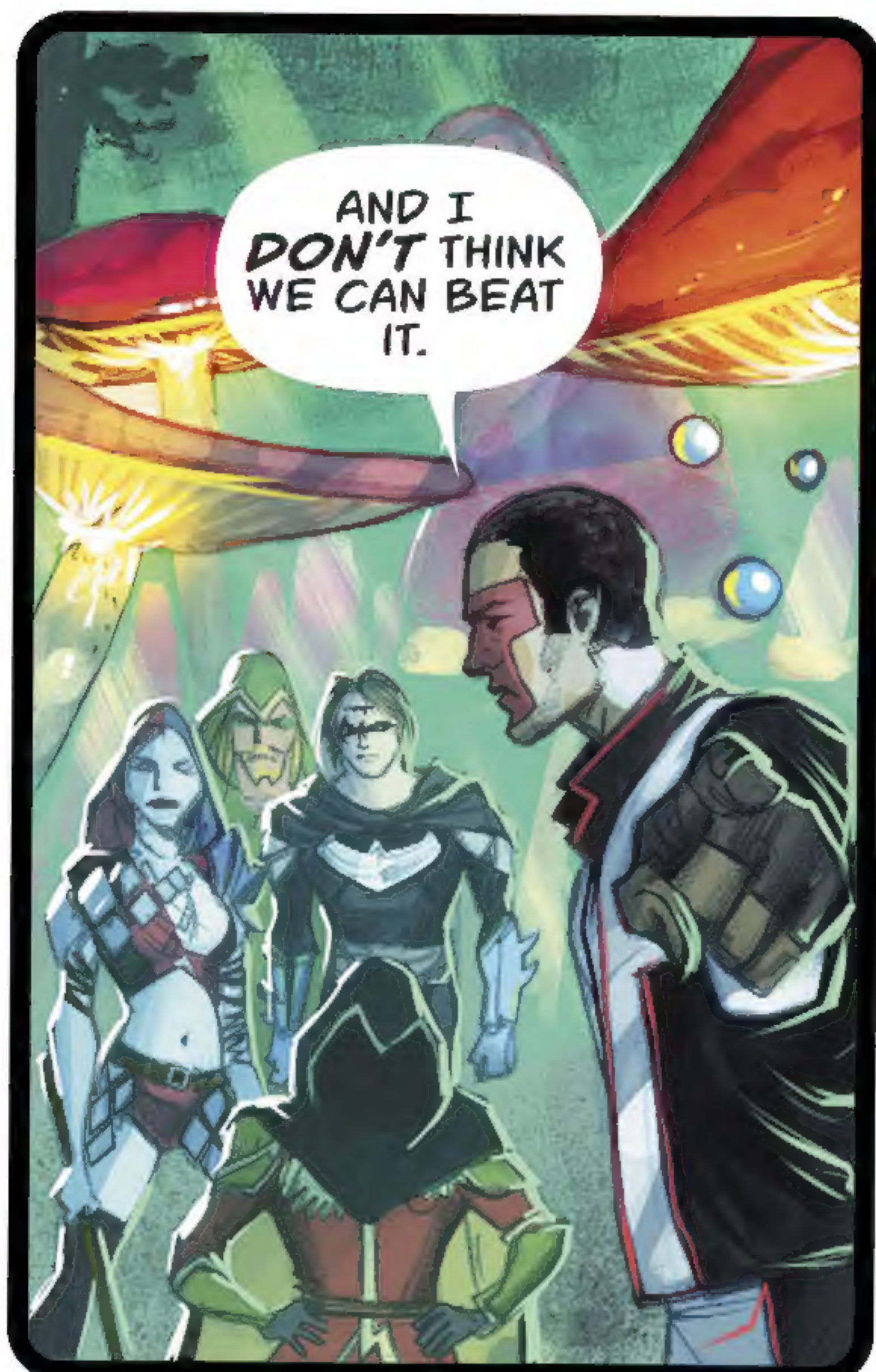
IT'S LIKE A HIVE. A HIDEOUS GARDEN. IF THE TEEN TITANS AND HARLEY'S SQUAD ARE BEING TAKEN THERE?

THEN WE'VE ALREADY LOST THEM.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEN HOW THE HELL DO WE **STOP** THEM? HOW DO WE GET GOTHAM CITY BACK?

I'M A MAN OF SCIENCE MORE THAN FAITH.



AND I **DON'T** THINK WE CAN BEAT IT.



ON THAT **HAPPY NOTE**, I SAY WE SKEDADDLE AND GIVE WALLER A RING.

LET HER SEND SOME OTHER LUCKY INMATES IN HERE TO FINISH THE MISSION.

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, HARLEY. WE'VE LOST **CHILDREN** TO THE MOUNTAIN.



THEY ARE **NOT** CHILDREN.

THEY'RE MY **FRIENDS!**



I LED THEM HERE.

I WON'T LEAVE THEM HERE WITH THAT **PSYCHOTIC PERVERSION** OF ME.



I KNOW WHAT THEY THINK. WHAT YOU ALL MUST THINK. THAT I'M THIS SELFISH KID, JUST LASHING OUT AT MY FATHER.

I'M NOT GOING TO PROVE THEM **RIGHT** BY RUNNING OUT ON THEM.

I'M WITH YOU, KID. BUT WE NEED A **PLAN**.



IN ALICE IN WONDERLAND, LEWIS CARROLL SAYS, "**IMAGINATION** IS THE ONLY WEAPON IN THE **WAR** AGAINST REALITY."

THE ROGUES HAVE IMAGINED THEIR REALMS. LET'S IMAGINE THEIR **DESTRUCTION**.

AND I KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO DO IT...

...WITH
YOUR
HELP.

IF MY
FATHER IS TRULY
GONE, THEN IT'S
UP TO ME TO
SAVE THIS CITY.
UP TO *US*.

I ALREADY
ABANDONED
ONE TEAM. I
WON'T DO
THAT AGAIN.

WHEN BATMAN
ASKED ME TO LOOK
AFTER ROBIN AND
KEEP HIM SAFE...

...IT WAS CLEAR
ENOUGH THAT THE
WORLD'S GREATEST
DETECTIVE DIDN'T
KNOW A DAMN THING
ABOUT HIS OWN SON.

BUT I SPEAK
TEENAGER.

AND NO MATTER
WHAT THEY *SAY*, ALL
THEY *WANT* IS THE
ILLUSION OF BEING
IN CHARGE...WHILE
HAVING A SUPPORT
SYSTEM TO FALL
BACK ON.

ROBIN WANTS TO
BE JUST LIKE HIS
OLD MAN, BUT IT'S
ONLY NOW THAT HE
UNDERSTANDS....

BATS DID
MORE THAN
BUILD TEAMS...
HE WORKED
WITH THEM.

WE'RE
WITH YOU, KID.
WHAT'S OUR
MISSION?

SIMPLE. STOP
THAT MACHINE. GET
OUR FRIENDS. SAVE
OUR CITY. KICK IN THE
FACE WHATEVER
GETS IN OUR
WAY.

NOW YER
TALKIN', KID. WE'RE
**THE GOTHAM
RESISTANCE.**

LATER.

NIGHTWING WAS RIGHT. HOLY CRAP. ARE THEY...ARE THEY STILL ALIVE?

YES, FOR NOW, GREEN ARROW. IF I CAN GET ON THAT THING, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FREE THEM.

THEN LET'S WAIT FOR AN OPENING AND MAKE A BREAK FOR IT.

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET. REMEMBER THAT THE MOUNTAIN IS LIKE AN ANTENNA FOR DARK ENERGY.

THE CLOSER YOU GET, THE MORE YOU GET LOST IN YOUR OWN MIND.

YA AIN'T EVER LAYIN' A HAND ON ME, ARNOLD!

MY MIND *CAN'T* BE GUARDED, MR. T. IT ESCAPED ITS PADDED CELL A LONG TIME AGO.

MAYBE THAT WILL GIVE YOU AN *ADVANTAGE*, HARLEY.

LIKE *CRAZY* CANCELS OUT *CRAZY*? THAT'S SOME MATH I CAN GET BEHIND.

R "I JUST PREFER A MORE HANDS-ON APPROACH."

HOW MANY SHOTS DO YOU HAVE LEFT?

I'M RUNNING LOW. JUST THREE PLUS THE ONE FROM THE *OWLS'* ARMORY.

SO BE CAREFUL. I WON'T HAVE TOO MANY BOLTS TO BACK YOU UP ONCE WE RUN FOR IT.

I WAS TRAINED BY THE *LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS* AND AM MORE OF A MASTER OF THE BOW AND ARROW THAN *YOU* ARE.





THIS
IS OUR
OPENING!
GO!

MOVE FAST!
OUR OBJECTIVE:
STOP THE MACHINE
BEFORE IT REACHES
THE MOUNTAIN!

SURE,
EASY FOR THE
DECATHLON
RUNNER TO
SAY.



HI THERE.

THINK IT'S
TIME THAT YOU
AND I HAD A LITTLE
HEART-TO-
HEART.



GET
AWAY FROM
ROBIN, YOU
MONSTER!!

WE'RE NOT
GOING TO
LET YOU HURT
HIM.

WELL, THEN
I'M SORRY TO
SAY YOU'RE IN
THE WRONG
PLACE.



BANE'S HOUSE OF PAIN.
THE SIXTH RING OF GOTHAM.

WELCOME,
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN!

LET'S GET
READY TO

RUUUUMMBLE!!

IT'S
SMASH
TIME!

HARLEY--
DON'T!

MY
T-SPHERE SCANS
ARE TELLING ME THAT
TASK FORCE X AND
THE TEEN TITANS ARE
CONNECTED TO
THE MACHINE'S DARK
ENERGIES.

IF WE DESTROY
THE MACHINE, WE
COULD **KILL**
THEM.

YOU SURE ARE
CAUTIOUS FOR
SOMEBODY WHO'S
GOT **BALLS**
OF **STEEL**,
MR. T...

CROC POT!
HOW DO I GET
YOU DOWN
FROM THERE,
SWEETIE?

YOU
DON'T.

CROC HAS
SEEN THINGS.
TERRIBLE THINGS.
HE SHOWED
CROC.

YOU MUST
GO, HARLEY...
YOU MUST
RUN!

TELL
WALLER...
TO BLOW US
UP...BLOW IT
ALL UP.

PLEASE.

BEFORE
THE BAT-THING
COMES, BEFORE
BARBATOS
SHOWS
YOU...

OH NO...
THAT'S HIS
MUSIC...THE
OTHER...

"...THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS."

YES, OUT OF ALL THE REALMS, THIS ONE MIGHT BE MY FAVORITE...

AT LEAST BANE IS A MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS. AM I RIGHT, DR. GUINNE?

MISTAH... B?

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I'VE MISSED YOU...

...SEE ON MY WORLD, YOU AND I WE ACTUALLY RIDE OFF TOGETHER IN THE END.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RAVEN?

HARLEY QUINN, DON'T LISTEN TO HIM.

THIS BATMAN. HE'S EMPTY OF ALL EMOTIONS EXCEPT EVIL!

YOU MUST RUN! GO!

SPEEDFEET

HOOK HER UP WITH THE REST.

HEY, WAIT! NO! GET YOUR GIMPS OFFA ME!

THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

I'VE ENJOYED WATCHING YOU THESE LAST FEW DAYS, YOU KNOW?

GATHERING MY CARDS, LIKE THEY COULD BE USED AGAINST ME.

WE WON'T LET YOU DO THIS! YOU HEAR ME?

AND THE GREAT MR. TERRIFIC FINALLY SHOWN HIMSELF.

IT'S ABOUT TO BECOME VERY CLEAR NOW, MICHAEL.

FINDING ALLIES TO FIGHT A WAR THAT YOU DON'T REALIZE YOU'VE ALREADY LOST!

THAT'S BECAUSE I NEVER COULD FIND A GOOD THERAPIST TO TALK TO!

I'VE HAD THIS DREAM, BUT...THIS AIN'T A DREAM, IS IT?

NO, HARLEY, IT'S JUST... MADNESS.

YOU'VE ALWAYS LOVED MADNESS, HAVEN'T YOU, BABY?

I...

HOW ABOUT IT, DR. GUINNE?

YOU WILLING TO MAKE ME ONE OF YOUR PATIENTS?

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT, BROTHER...

I'M HERE TO HELP YOU!

I'M WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE, WHAT YOU COULD BE! IF YOU'D STOP WORRYING ABOUT FALSE FRIENDS, FALSE FAMILY...

SHUT UP! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME!

AND THIS FIGHT GETS DIRTY!

ROBIN, DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S-- ARGH!

I'M TELLING HIM THE TRUTH! THE HARD THINGS YOU NEVER WILL, DICK.

I KEEP HITTING HIM...

BECAUSE ON MY WORLD, DAMIAN, THEY ALL TURN ON OUR FATHER, THEY TRY TO KILL HIM! AND THEY MIGHT HAVE, IF NOT FOR ME!

...BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO FEEL ANYTHING!

THIS MIGHT BE THE LAST SHOT FOR ALL OF US.



DIE, YOU TRAITOR!
DIEEE!!

YOUR MIND'S SHORT-CIRCUITING. CONCENTRATE, OLLIE.

COULD IT BE...THE DEATH OF NIGHTWING?!

NO ROOM FOR DOUBT. FOCUS.

I PROMISED BRUCE. I PROMISED I'D PROTECT ROBIN FROM GOTHAM...

...AND FROM HIS WORST IMPULSES.

DO IT!

NOW!

HISSSSS!!!

THWANG



GAH!

THAT'S
GOTTA
HURT!

DAMIAN!
NO!

NO...WHAT...
WHAT HAVE I
DONE?

I'M SO
SORRY, BRUCE.
I FAILED
YOU.

HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA

SEE?! THEY ALL
TURN ON YOU, BROTHER!
THEY DON'T TRUST FATHER,
THEY DON'T TRUST YOU,
THEY NEVER DID!

AND NOW THAT YOU
SEE...I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT I CAME HERE TO
TELL YOU NOW, BEFORE
YOU BLEED
OUT...

UNH...

SEE, THE
DARK MULTIVERSE, IT'S
NOT JUST A PLACE WHERE
YOUR WORST FEARS LIVE.
IT'S ALSO WHERE YOUR
GREATEST HOPES
COME TO LIFE.

SO HERE'S
THE THING NO
ONE WANTS TO
TELL YOU, BUT
I WILL.

THE DARK
KNIGHTS. THE BATMAN
WHO LAUGHS. ME?
THEY CALL US FATHER'S
GREATEST FEARS...BUT
THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE,
BROTHER.

SHUT UP, YOU
MONSTER!

...NO...

NO!
BECAUSE IT'S
TRUE AND HE
KNOWS
IT!

LOOK INSIDE
YOURSELF, BROTHER!
YOU WANT HIS LOVE,
JUST LIKE I DID...YOU
WANT TO BE BESIDE
HIM...

...WE'LL HEAR ME
WHEN I SAY THAT I HAVE
NEVER FELT AS LOVED,
NEVER FELT LESS ALONE,
LESS UNCERTAIN, THAN
I DO NOW!

NEVER! THE TRUTH IS,
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
MY WHOLE DAMN LIFE,
I FEEL HAPPY! AND YOU
CAN TOO...

STOP IT!
STOP!

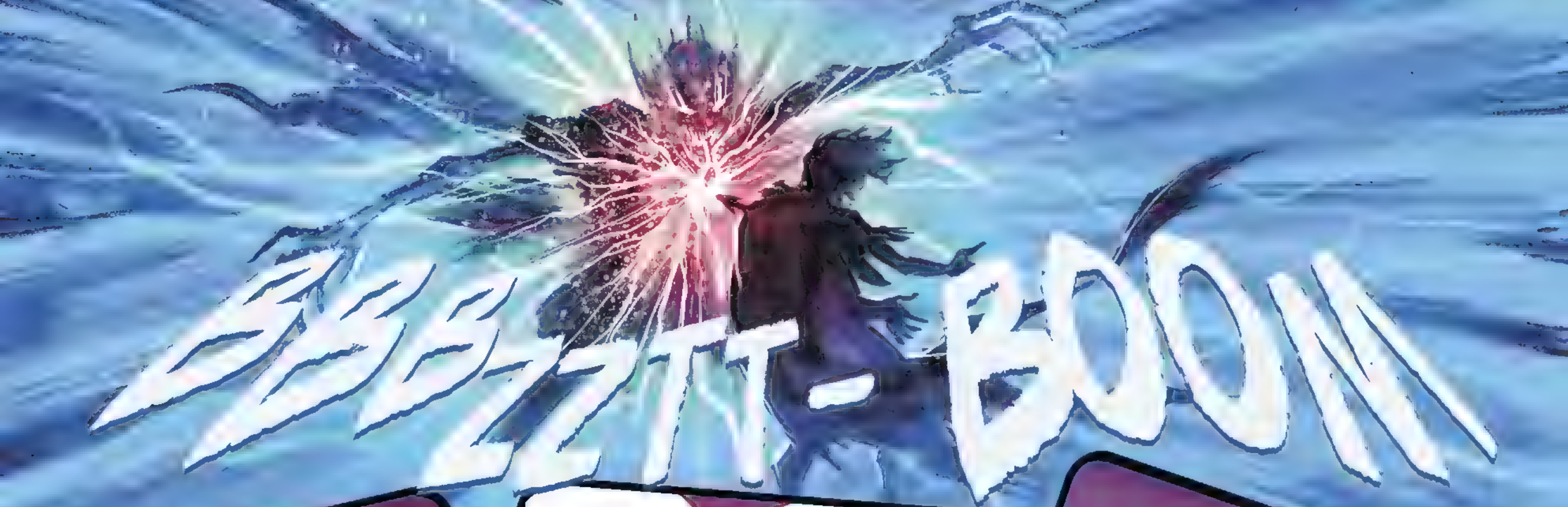
SEE, YOU KNOW
IT'S TRUE, JUST
LIKE I DID! HA! YOU
AND I, WE'RE
CONNECTED!

YES...WE ARE
CONNECTED...BY
BLOOD...



...AND METAL!

AGGGH!



ZZTT-BOOM



BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO....



THE BATTLE IS OVER!

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO FIGHT YOU, LITTLE BATS!



ON THE BATTLE IS JUST BEGINNING ISANE

NOW WATCH GUYS! MR. CREEPY IS GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT THOSE CARDS CAN DO



MY GOD...
LOOK AT THEM.
THEY'RE ALL...
THEY'RE ALL
HIM.

IS THAT...
CYBORG?! WHAT
THE HELL HAVE
THEY DONE TO
HIM?!

I DON'T
KNOW, BUT
THEY'RE STANDING
BETWEEN US AND
THE MACHINE...



LOOK AT
THIS! SO
MANY BATS
TO BREAK!

FEEL IT?!
ALL THE LITTLE
BONES ABOUT
CRACK, THE
BLOOD ABOUT
SPILL!!

ROBIN! GREEN
ARROW! WE NEED
TO **ABORT** THE
MISSION! **RUN!**
NOW!

HEEEEEE

RUN WHERE
THOUGHT BECAUSE
NOW YOU'RE TRAPPED IN
HERE AT THE CENTER OF
THE MAZE WITH ALL OF
US RIGHT WHERE WE
WANTED YOU ALL FROM
THE START

YES I ENJOY
PLAN LIKE I DID IN MY
OLD LIFE. I JUST DON'T FEEL
DETECTIVE OR HERO ANYMORE
BECAUSE I ENABLED THE
TRUTH WHICH IS THAT SEARCHING
FOR ANSWERS FOR PURPOSE.
IN THE END I BEARS YOU
IS ONE PLACE

THE DARK
WHICH IS
WHERE YOU
ALL ARE

RIGHT
NOW

NO!



**STAY BACK,
NIGHTMARES
OF THE DARK
MULTIVERSE!**

**THERE'S THE
FATE I ACTUALLY
BELIEVE IN.**

**DAMIAN, THIS
IS OUR RIDE
OUT OF THIS
HELL HOLE!**

NO!

**MY FRIENDS ARE
HERE BECAUSE OF
ME! I WON'T LEAVE
THEM BEHIND!**

**IF
YOU STAY,
YOU WILL DIE,
SON OF THE
BATMAN.**

**I'M
GLAD YOU
FINALLY GOT
MY SIGNAL,
DOCTOR!**

**DAMIAN,
PLEASE! WE'LL
SAVE THEM, BUT
WE NEED TO GO!
FIGHT ANOTHER
DAY, SON!**

...

**ALL RIGHT,
BUT WE'RE
COMING BACK
FOR YOU! YOU
HEAR ME?!!**

**THAT IS
NOT YOUR
DESTINY.**

R "WE'LL COME BACK!"

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, OLD FRIEND. I WISH WE HAD TIME FOR PLEASANTRIES...

BUT THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

AND EVEN MY TOWER IS NOT SAFE FROM BARBATOS'S DARK INFLUENCE.

ZATANNA HAS ARRANGED FOR A SECRET RENDEZVOUS ELSEWHERE, AND THE PARTIES ARE ASSEMBLING NOW.

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE NEEDS TO KNOW THE DATA MY T-SPHERES COLLECTED FROM CHALLENGERS MOUNTAIN BEFORE OUR NEXT MOVE.

IS PLASTIC MAN...?

HIS EGG IS SAFE, MISTER TERRIFIC.

AHHH!

I FAILED... I FAILED MY FATHER.

KRAK!

HERE, TAKE IT.

WHAT YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW? DOUBT. HATE. FEAR. I FEEL IT, TOO.

WE ALL FEEL IT! WE LOST OUR TEAMS. HARLEY, CROC.

WE LOST GOTHAM!

KRAK

NO, I LOST IT. I TOOK US IN THERE...IT'S MY FAULT. I TOOK LEAD AND--

STOP IT.

YES, YOU LEAD US THROUGH THE MAZE, MADNESS, BATTLE...ALL OF IT, AND YOU MIGHT HAVE WAVERED, BUT IN THE END YOU KEPT US FOCUSED ON OUR TARGET.

FINDING A WAY TO SAVE THE CITY, AND THE WORLD FROM EVIL. AND THAT'S NOT A LOSS.

NOT A LOSS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! **WE LOST EVERYTHING!**

NO, WE DIDN'T. BECAUSE IF THERE'S ONE THING I LEARNED AS GREEN ARROW, IT'S THAT SOMETIMES, IF YOUR **AIM** IS TRUE, YOU CAN LOSE A BATTLE, BUT GAIN **DIRECTION** FOR THE WAR.

YOU SAW WHAT THAT ARROW DID TO THE DARK ROBIN. IT WAS THE **NTH METAL**, DAMIAN. DON'T YOU SEE?

THOSE THINGS MIGHT HAVE WON THIS ROUND, BUT BECAUSE OF YOU...

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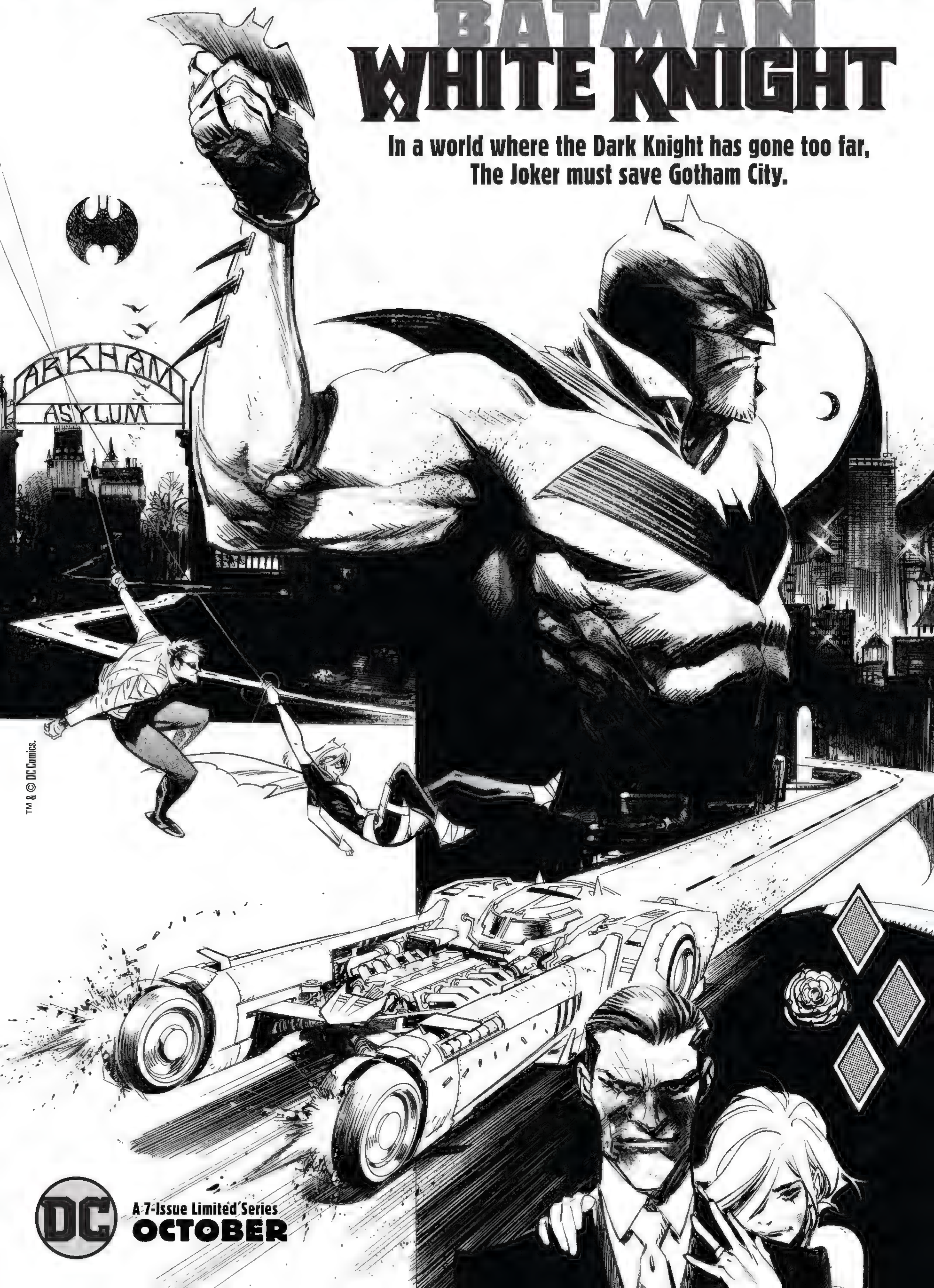
METAL

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BATMAN WHITE KNIGHT

In a world where the Dark Knight has gone too far,
The Joker must save Gotham City.



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I SEE
GOTHAM MORE
CLEARLY THAN ANY
OF YOU...

...BUT YOU
WON'T ADMIT
IT.

TO YOU,
I'M JUST A
PSYCHO IN
MAKEUP.

YOU
LEFT ME NO
CHOICE...

...BUT TO
COME HERE
TONIGHT...

...TO
PROVE IT TO
YOU...

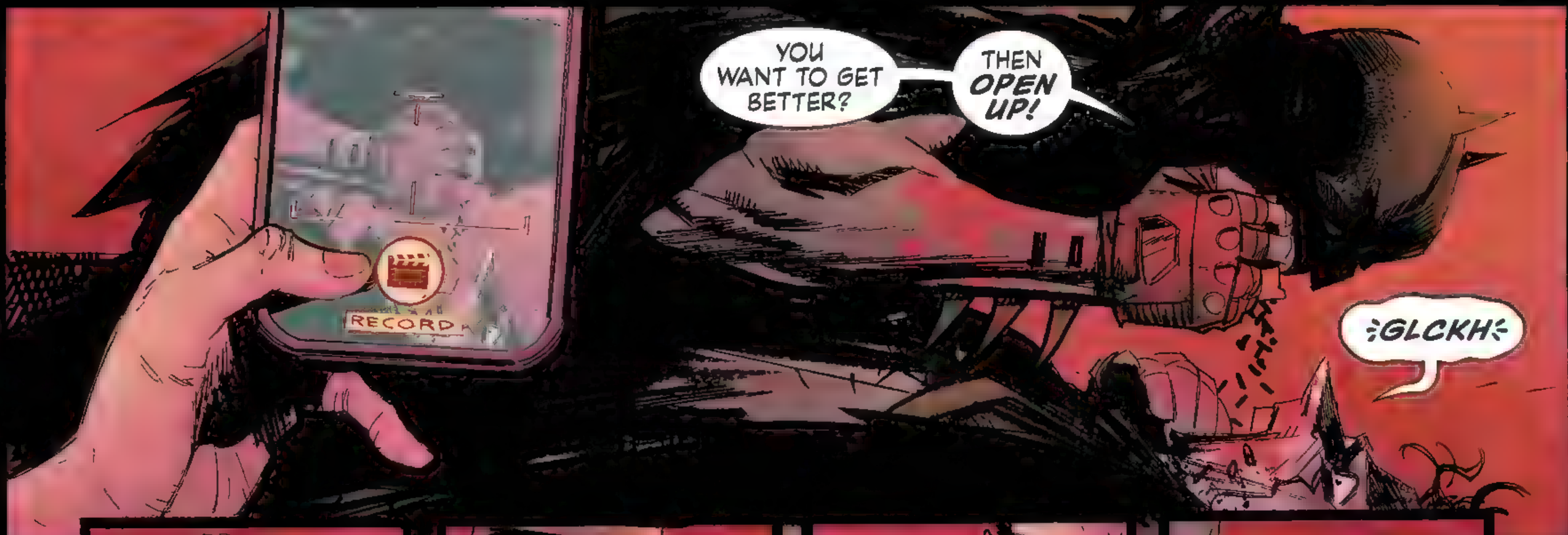
...WITH
THESE.

IF I
CAN GET
BETTER, I
CAN GET THIS
CITY BACK ON
TRACK...

...FINALLY
SHOW YOU...

...THAT
YOU NEED
ME.

FINE.



YOU WANT TO GET BETTER?

THEN OPEN UP!

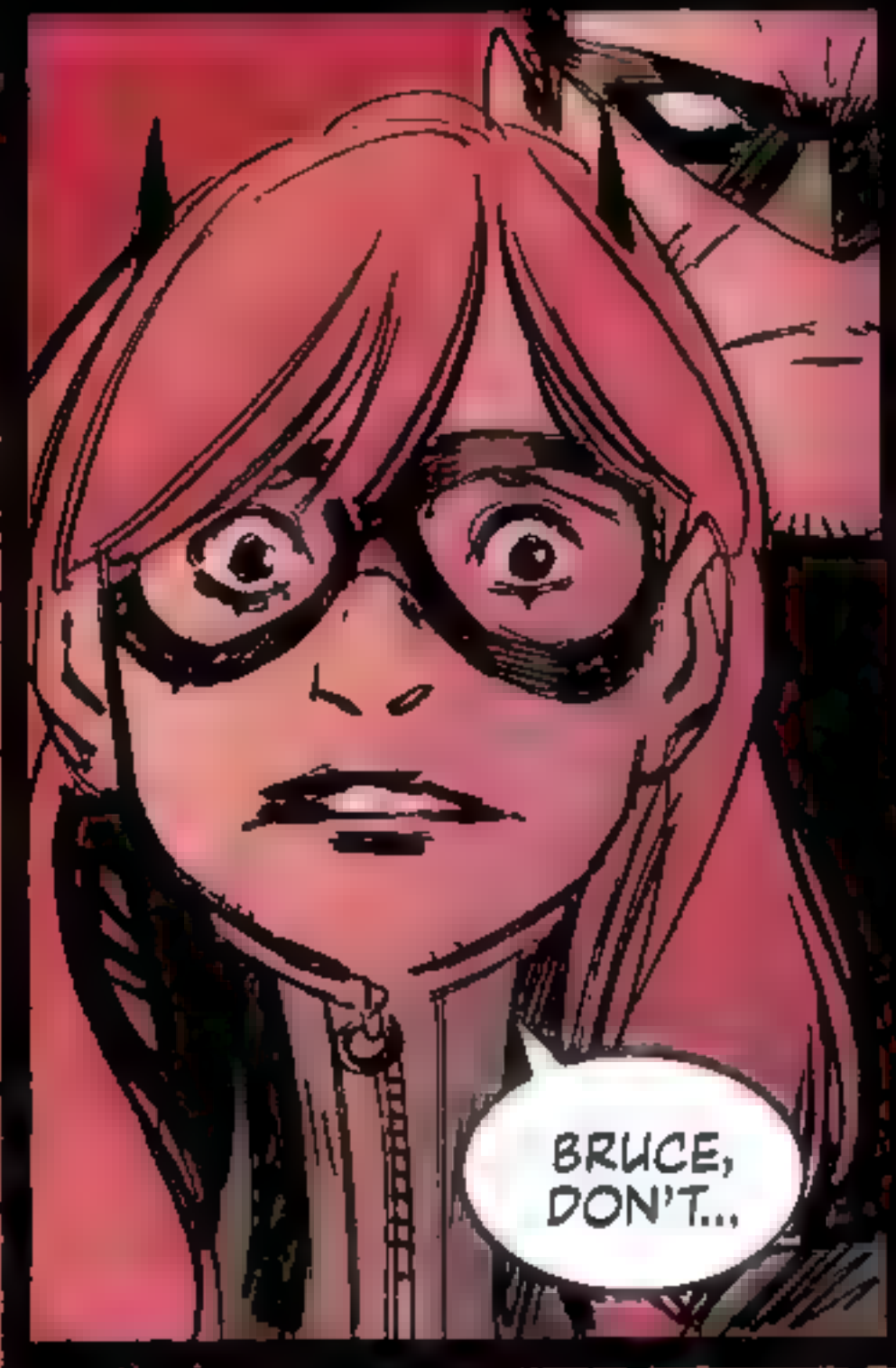
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OH NO...



CHRIST...



BRUCE, DON'T...



ACKKK...CAN'T...



...BREATHE...



TONIGHT WE'RE DISCUSSING THE **BATGATE** SCANDAL: STUNNING FOOTAGE OF BATMAN'S ASSAULT ON THE JOKER HAS GONE VIRAL...

...CAUSING MANY TO QUESTION THE **GCPD** AND THE DARK KNIGHT'S METHODS.

GOTHAM INSIDER

THANK GOD THEY **CAUGHT** HIM.

THE POLICE HAVE ALWAYS DENIED HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE DARK KNIGHT. GORDON'S NEVER OFFICIALLY ADMITTED THAT HE EVEN EXISTS, AND NOW WE HAVE HIM ON CAMERA **STANDING BY** WHILE BATMAN VICIOUSLY ATTACKS THE JOKER.

BUT THE **GCPD** HAS NEVER SUCCESSFULLY **CONVICTED** HIM OF ANYTHING MORE THAN ARMED ROBBERY, DESPITE HIS PERCEIVED REPUTATION.

THE COPS NEED OUR SUPPORT, MAGGIE. GOTHAM IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF SUPER-CRIMINALS. I DON'T CARE WHAT **IS** AND **ISN'T** LEGAL--THIS CITY NEEDS BATMAN.

YES, BUT WHERE'S THE ACCOUNTABILITY? IF THE **POLICE** WON'T STOP BATMAN FROM CROSSING THE LINE, THEN WHO WILL? THE OPTICS ON THIS ARE TERRIBLE, AND IT ONLY MAKES THINGS WORSE FOR THE **GCPD** WHO ARE ALREADY PLAGUED WITH ACCUSATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND POLICE BRUTALITY.

SO WHAT?! THE JOKER IS GOTHAM'S GREATEST VILLAIN, A PSYCHOPATH WITH A LONG HISTORY OF VIOLENCE, AND A KNACK FOR MANIPULATING THE SYSTEM--EVERYONE KNOWS THAT.

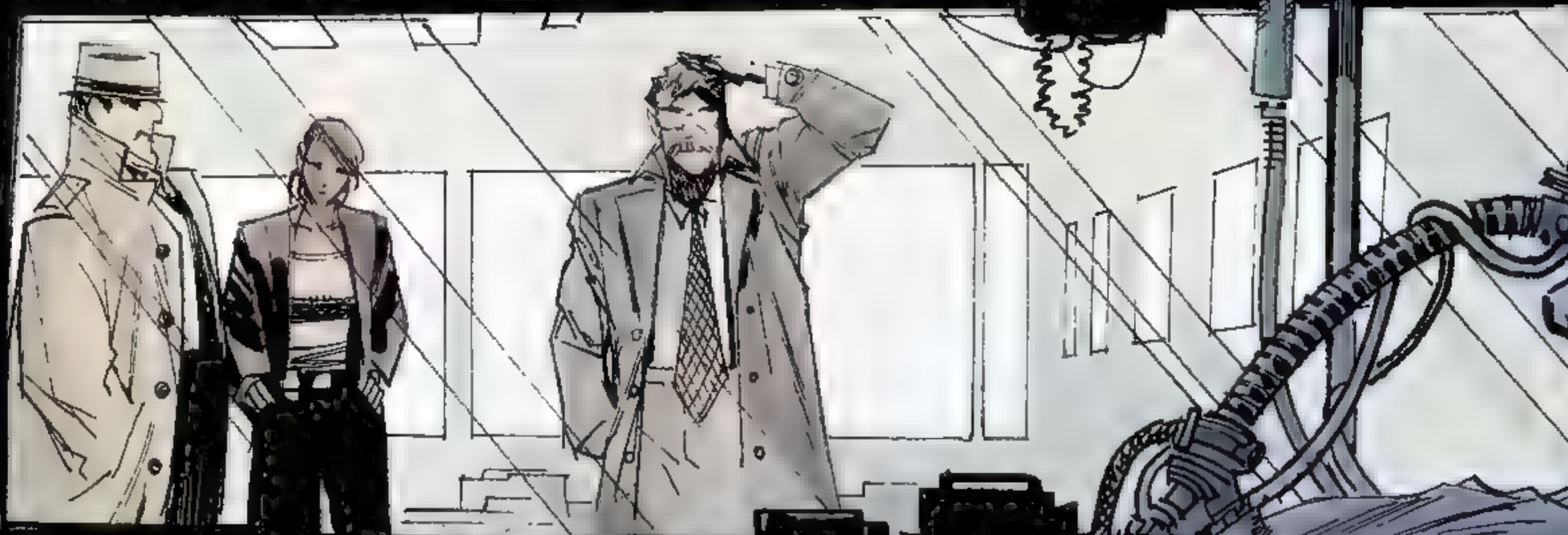
THAT WAS THE PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER--GORDON HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO OVERTURN PUBLIC OPINION. THE **STWs** NEED TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

THE CITY IS DIVIDED, AND PROTESTERS ARE DEMANDING ANSWERS. WHERE DOES GORDON GO FROM HERE? AND WHAT EXACTLY **IS** HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH BATMAN?

GOTHAM INSIDER

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN PEOPLE WOULD BE OUT ON THE STREETS **DEFENDING** SOMEONE LIKE THE JOKER.

BATMAN'S A MANIAC. GLAD PEOPLE ARE **FINALLY** STARTING TO SEE IT.



BATMAN HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF **DOZENS OF COPS**, BULLOCK. EVEN YOURS!



ALLOWING A WEIRDO TO FIGHT CRIME IN HIS **UNDERWEAR**-- WHAT KIND OF CITY LETS THAT HAPPEN?

THE **GCPD** HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BATMAN, REMEMBER? FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, WE'RE NOT EVEN **HAVING** THIS CONVERSATION.



NO OFFENSE, COMMISSIONER, BUT THAT'S **BULLSHIT**.

I WANTED TO **ARREST** BATMAN, BUT YOU WANTED TO SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING WHILE HE BEAT NAPIER UNCONSCIOUS. THAT LOOPHOLE ISN'T GOING TO WORK ANYMORE.

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...



THE JOKER'S RIGHT: IF BATMAN HAD BEEN WEARING A BADGE, YOU'D CHARGE HIM WITH **ASSAULT**!

HOW IS HE?

NOT SURE YET. HASN'T SAID A WORD SINCE WE BROUGHT HIM BACK TO ARKHAM.

WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THOSE PILLS-- THE SIDE EFFECTS, DOSAGE, NOTHING. HOW DID HE EVEN **KNOW** ABOUT THEM?

IS HE GOING TO BE OKAY?



PROBABLY-- NAPIER'S ONE TOUGH SON OF A BITCH.

BUT I'LL BE HONEST...



COMEDY

BAN
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HOW MANY
GAPD DOES IT
TAKE TO
CHANGE A
LIGHTBULB?
IT ONLY TAKES
ONE BATMAN!

COMEDY NIGHT
FEATURING
NEWCOMER
JACK NAPIER

NAPIER BONISS

WHY
DON'T
YOU
LOVE
ME?

JACK
NAPIER
FALLS
TO ACID

"...HE'S NOT
THE ONE I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT."



"I ALWAYS
WANTED TO
FIRE RAYS
OUT OF MY
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